

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: AQUILA, INC., d/b/a AQUILA NETWORKS	DOCKET NO. RFU-03-1 (RPU-02-5)
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ORDER ACCEPTING REFUND REPORT

(Issued August 18, 2003)

On February 18, 2003, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order in Docket No. RPU-02-5 approving a settlement for permanent rates for natural gas service for Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila). The settlement resulted in a reduction in rates. In the February 18, 2003, order, the Board directed Aquila to file a refund plan for Board approval. On April 18, 2003, the Board issued an order approving Aquila's refund plan and directing Aquila to file a report upon completion of the refund. On July 17, 2003, Aquila filed the refund report.

The refund was calculated based upon the difference between the final rates approved in the settlement and temporary rates that were in effect from September 1, 2002, through March 30, 2003. The report shows that Aquila refunded \$824,512 to General Service customers, \$220,798 to Small Volume Transportation customers, and \$22,154 to Large Volume Transportation customers. Interruptible customers did not receive a refund since they were not billed interim rates. The average residential customer refund was approximately \$5.89.

The Board will accept the refund report. The report shows that Aquila made the refund in accordance with the refund plan approved by the Board. Customers received the refunds beginning with the May 2003 billing cycle.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The refund report filed by Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks, on July 17, 2003, in Docket No. RFU-03-1 is accepted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18th day of August, 2003.